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SUBJECT: U.S. CITIZENS GROUP URGES UNESCO RESCIND SANCTIONS  
AGAINST ISRAEL

1. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE U.S. NATCOM FOR UNESCO, AN  
ADVISORY BODY OF PRIVATE CITIZENS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS, TODAY EXPRESSED ITS GRAVE CONCERN OVER  
THE "POLITICALLY INSPIRED" SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL AND  
URGED UNESCO TO CORRECT THE "UNPRECEDENTED POLITICAL  
ACTIONS" OF ITS 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE LAST FALL.

2. MOTIVATED BY THE U.S. NATCOM'S FEAR THAT UNESCO IS  
IN GREAT JEOPARDY IF THE CONTROVERSY IS NOT RESOLVED AND  
THE U.S. CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN UNESCO, THE OFFICERS OF THE  
COMMISSION HAVE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC STATEMENT TO  
COINCIDE WITH THE MONTH-LONG MEETING IN PARIS OF UNESCO'S  
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EXECUTIVE BOARD, THE 40-MEMBER GOVERNING BODY OF THAT

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WHICH MEETS BETWEEN ITS  
BIENNIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE:

"AFFIRMING THE POSITION OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE  
18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE LAST NOVEMBER, WE DEPLORE THE  
SANCTIONS TAKEN AGAINST ISRAEL AS BLATANTLY POLITICAL AND  
CONTRARY TO THE PURPOSE AND MISSION OF UNESCO. WE URGE  
THE U.S. STATE DEPT THROUGH ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO THAT  
BOARD TO INITIATE WHATEVER STEPS ARE CONSTITUTIONALLY

POSSIBLE BY THAT BODY TO CORRECT THE UNPRECEDENTED  
POLITICAL ACTIONS OF THE 18TH CONFERENCE. IN PARTICULAR,  
WE EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION ON THE EX-  
CLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM FULL AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN  
ANY REGIONAL GROUP OF UNESCO--AN ACTION CERTAINLY CON-  
TRARY TO THE PRINCIPLES AND SPIRIT UPON WHICH THIS INTER-  
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION WAS FOUNDED.

"IN OUR OPINION, FORTHRIGHT STEPS BY THE EXECUTIVE  
BOARD OF UNESCO TO COUNTERACT OR REDRESS THE POLITICALLY  
INSPIRED SANCTIONS TAKEN AGAINST ISRAEL WOULD GO FAR  
TOWARD CONVINCING THE U.S. CONGRESS THAT UNESCO HAS RE-  
TURNED TO ITS BASIC PURPOSE, AND THUS ASSURE THAT THE U.S.  
COULD CONTINUE AS A DUES-PAYING, FULLY ACTIVE MEMBER IN  
HELPING TO CARRY ON THE WORLDWIDE HUMANITARIAN WORK OF  
UNESCO."

3. THE FOREGOING IS FROM A NATCOM PRESS RELEASE OF MAY 6,  
A COPY OF WHICH HAS BEEN FURNISHED SURECK FOR TELEX TRANS-  
MISSION BY HIM TO OPL. KISSINGER

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